

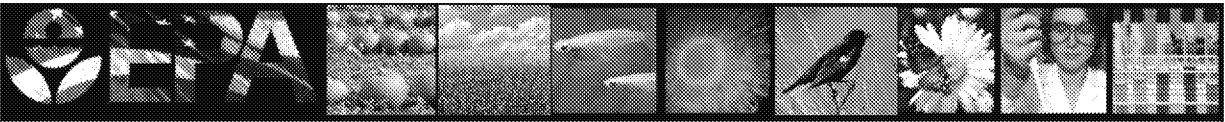
# ***EPA Update: Status of Fumigant Regulatory Activities***

**2018 Annual International Research  
Conference on Methyl Bromide  
Alternatives and Emissions  
Reductions**

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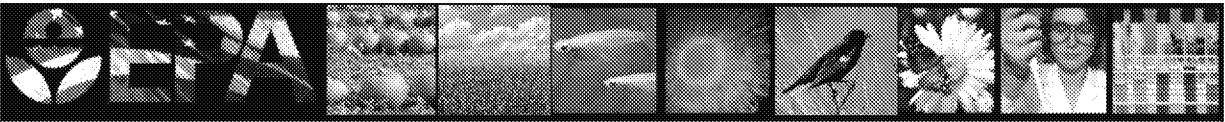


# ***Overview***

- Registration Activities
- Commodity Fumigation Issues Update
- Structural Fumigation Issues Update
- EPA Port Fumigation Trip
- Certification Updates
- Registration Review Schedule

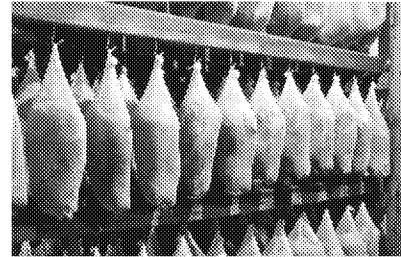
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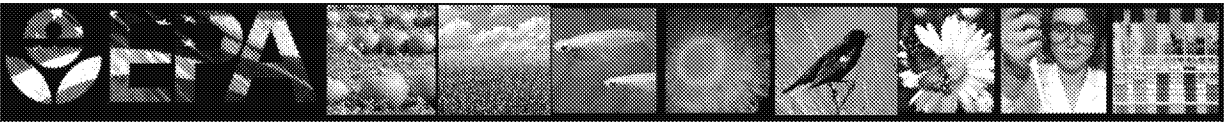
## ***Methyl Bromide CUEs***

- Pre-plant critical use exemption (strawberries) expired at the end of 2016.
- Continued use of post-harvest stocks for country hams beyond 2016 with pre-phase-out inventory



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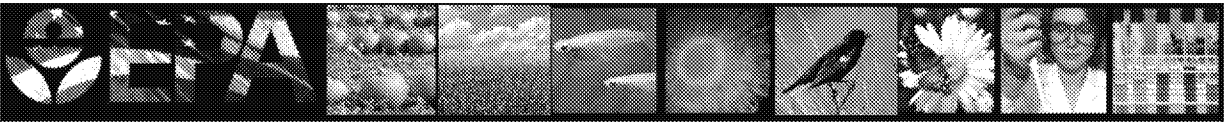


## ***Consideration of Recent Residential Incidents***

- In 2015, there were two residential fumigation incidents of serious and permanent injury in the U.S.
  - U.S. Virgin Islands- Methyl Bromide
  - Florida- Sulfuryl Fluoride
- Most recently, in August 2018 EPA became aware of an additional incident in Florida associated with the use of sulfuryl fluoride.

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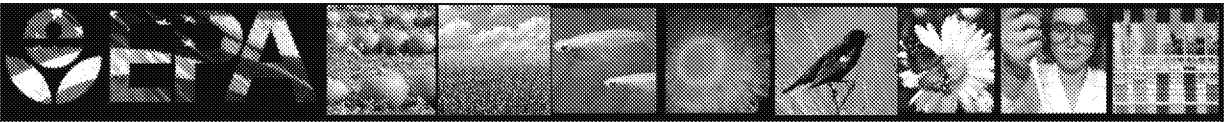


## ***Consideration of Recent Incidents***

- Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation report issued in December 2016 ([https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/\\_epaoig\\_20161212-17-p-0053.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/_epaoig_20161212-17-p-0053.pdf))
- OPP is working with stakeholders, regulatory partners, and registrants to address recommendations

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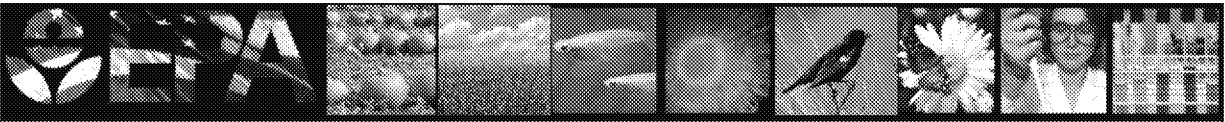


## ***OIG Recommendations***

1. Revise Agency guidance or policy with updated mitigation options regarding Fumigant Management Plans and barriers to accessing structures during fumigation
2. Create guidance which clarifies the criteria for meeting the applicator stewardship training requirement
3. Develop and implement a strategy to assess the effectiveness of devices to detect required clearance levels

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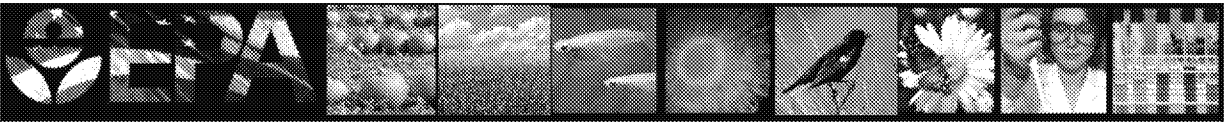


## ***Response to OIG Recommendations***

### **Evaluating Label Changes for Sulfuryl Fluoride:**

- EPA has been working with stakeholders to implementing a process to evaluate label changes for sulfuryl
- EPA will continue to work with states and the user community through these groups.
- Implementation of the revised labels will occur as part of the registration review process for sulfuryl fluoride, which is currently scheduled to be concluded in fall 2021.

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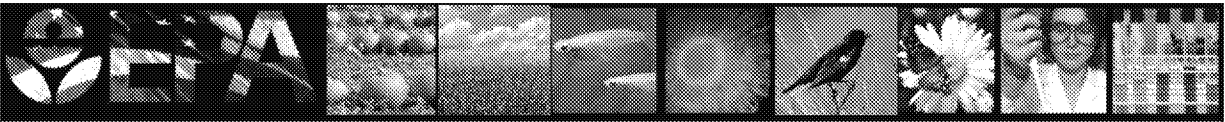


## ***Response to OIG Recommendations***

### **Improving consistency across registrant stewardship plans:**

- EPA has been working with stakeholders on a draft stewardship training plan that is supported by the registrants
- EPA received feedback from stakeholders and is continuing to work with the registrants and other groups
- EPA plans to finalize stewardship materials by early 2019.

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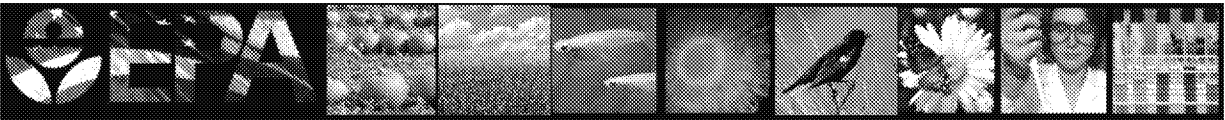
## ***Response to OIG Recommendations***

### **Working to validate the effectiveness of devices used to clear structures post fumigation:**

- EPA's Analytical Chemistry Laboratory is currently developing a draft protocol, purchasing clearance devices, and expects to complete a preliminary evaluation of the devices by early 2019.

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NOTE: Pending the outcome of this preliminary evaluation, OPP may need to revise the protocol and perform additional testing. OPP's laboratory testing results, along with other information, will help inform if additional guidance (other than the manufacturers') is necessary for the safe and proper use of clearance devices.



# **ASPCRO/NPMA**

## ***Fumigation Workshop***



EPA Port Fumigation Workshop

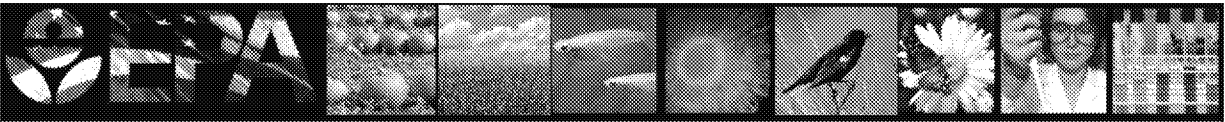
July 10-11, 2018 | Port of Wilmington, DE

Presented by: ASPCRO / NPMA / RPS/Royal Fumigation, An Ecolab Company

*Thank you for joining us!*

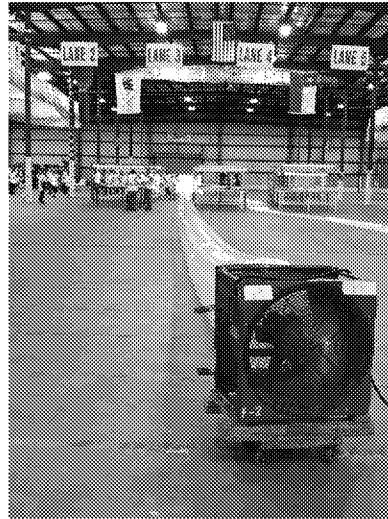
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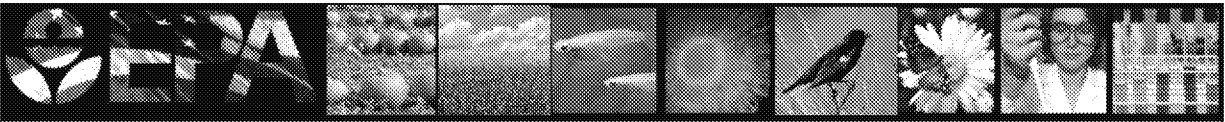
# ***ASPCRO/NPMA Fumigation Workshop***

- Opportunity for participants to enhance understanding of current practices
- Demonstrations on preparation, introduction, and aeration for commodity fumigation
- Discussed state enforcement challenges, and other stakeholder needs



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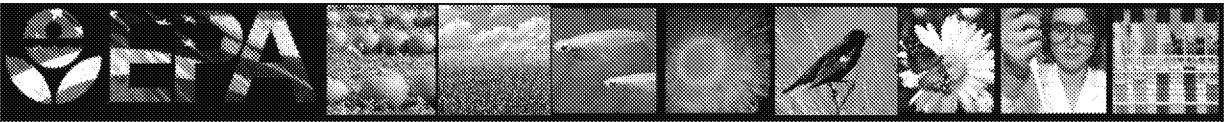


# ***Registration Review***

- Registration Review must be completed by October 1, 2022
- Soil fumigants, and commodity/structural/antimicrobial fumigants are going through registration review in groups
  - \* Began in 2013 for most fumigant active ingredients

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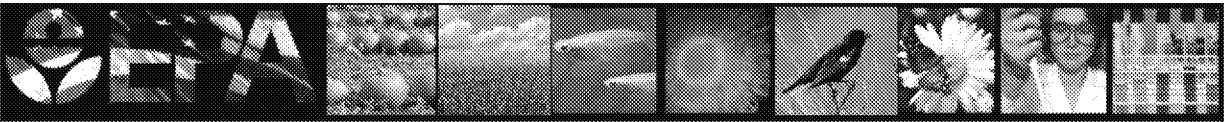


## ***Anticipated Schedule***

Open Public Dockets	September 2013
Comment Period Ends	November 2013
Final Work Plan	February 2014
Data Call-In	Summer 2014
Data Submission	2016 - 2018
Risk Assessment (Soil)	2018/2019
Risk Assessment (Structural)	2019/2020
Interim Decision (Soil)	2019/2020
Interim Decision (Structural)	2020/2021

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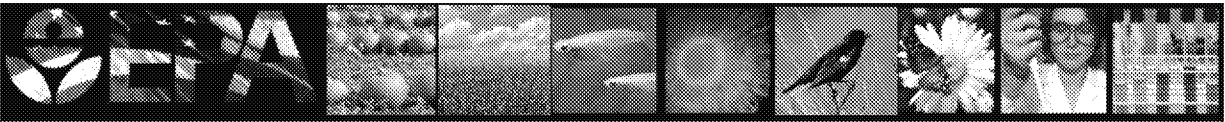
## ***Registration Review – Soil Fumigants***

Information on individual soil fumigants can be found at  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

- Chloropicrin - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0153
- Dazomet - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0080
- 1,3-Dichloropropene - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0154
- Dimethyl disulfide - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0488
- Metam Sodium/Potassium - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0140
- Methyl Bromide - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0269

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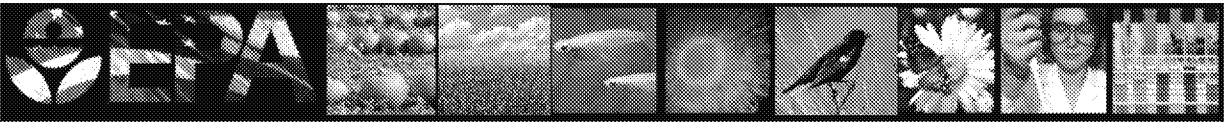


## ***Registration Review – Soil Fumigants***

- Reviewing data submissions
  - New flux data, application methods
- Developing ecological and human health risk assessments
  - Assessments for dazomet, chloropicrin, and metam were completed in October 2018
  - Were streamlined if possible to reflect changes since Reregistration
  - Ambient air monitoring and/or modeling will be incorporated as available
- Will revise if needed, “Health Effects Division Recommendations for Good Agricultural Practices and Associated Buffer Credits”
- Will continue to work with stakeholder groups to discuss mitigation early

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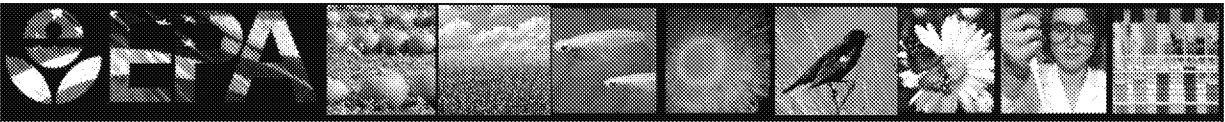


## ***Registration Review – Structural/Commodity Fumigants***

- Information on other fumigants can be found at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)
- Aluminum phosphide, magnesium phosphide, and phosphine - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0081
- Ethylene oxide - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0244
- Inorganic sulfites - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0598
  - Sulfur dioxide
  - Sodium metabisulfite
- Methyl bromide - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0269
- Methyl isothiocyanate (MITC) - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0242
- Propylene oxide - EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0156

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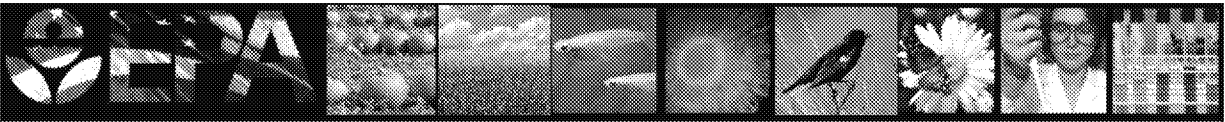


## ***Registration Review – Structural/Commodity Fumigants***

- Awaiting data submissions
  - Inhalation toxicity studies, occupational exposure data
- Ecological and human health risk assessments
  - Will be streamlined, if possible, to reflect changes since Reregistration
- Continue to work with stakeholder groups to discuss mitigation early
  - i.e., Fumigation Management Plans for non-soil fumigants

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## ***For More Information:***

### **EPA Fumigant Page**

<https://www.epa.gov/soil-fumigants>

### **Chemical Search Database**

<https://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=chemicalsearch:1>

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Many of you are familiar with the soil fumigant toolbox that the agency developed following reregistration, and that continues to be an important resource to users.

Easier to navigate web content has been a priority of EPA, and over the past year, there have been major updates to make our websites more user-friendly. We continue focus on transparency, by adding informational resources as they become available – for example, our decisions and many data reviews are available through the chemical search database.

But even as our methods of communication and information sharing continue to be steered by technological advances, we believe that in-person dialogue is still key in mutual understanding, collaboration, and progress towards common goals. For any additional questions, please stop by while we're here this week, or please contact Dana Friedman in the Pesticide Re-evaluation Division.